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### POLICE CHECK UP STORY OF HARRIS

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Impressed by Fact Youth Sticks to His Original Murder Story.

RELATIVES SCOFF AT TALE

Either a Liar or Crazy, They Minded as Eov.

man'ons."

Mr. Cowen. Harris's uncle. also scoffed at the boy's statement that he was implicated in the Elwell murder.

"His insignation had got the better of him. I guess." he said. "He was never quite right mentally or he wouldn't have done the things he was all the time doing as a boy. I've rectived letters and post cards from him right along, and they are good examples of his rambling type of mind. The boy is given to romancing, and I believe that is the case in the present instance."

With a detective hurrying to Buffaio to question the prisoner and definitely ascertain the truth of his narrative, it was stated here that other detectives are shadowing two women, either of whom—

ris had declared that this was not the Dunkin by whom he alleges the fatal shot was fired.

While endeavoring to check up on the movements of Harris during his stay in this city and also to gather such information as they might about the other persons mentioned by him prosecutors and police officials continued throughout the day to keep in touch with the Buffalo officials by long distance telephone. Charles S. Whitman, who was requested recently by District Attorney Swann to take over all of the evidence which the District Attorney sound to the Elwell case, was particularly impressed by reports was particularly impressed by reports which he received from District Attor-ncy Moore of Buffale, who spent Lev-eral hours in questioning Harris.

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Mr. Whitman said he was at first quite scentical about the Harris confession because of the fact that he had received six aliged confessions to this same crime by mail, and that one crank had called at his residence for the purpose of telling him that he was Elwell's slayer. Having the greatest confidence in Mr. Moore, he said, he had personally requested him by telephone to see if he could break the Harris story down, and the apparent inability of Mr. Moore to upset the man's tale was regarded by Mr. Whitman as the strongest thing in

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Inspector John Coughlin, head of the Detective Bureau of the Polica Department: Capt. Arthur Carey of the Homicide Squad and Assistant District Attorneys John T. Decling and James E. Smith all took the same view of the matter that Mr. Whitman did. While they were not disposed to accept the story as true until it had atood a more rigorous test, they were nevertheless intensely interested in the developments and were leaving no stone unturned as far as the local end of the matter was concerned.

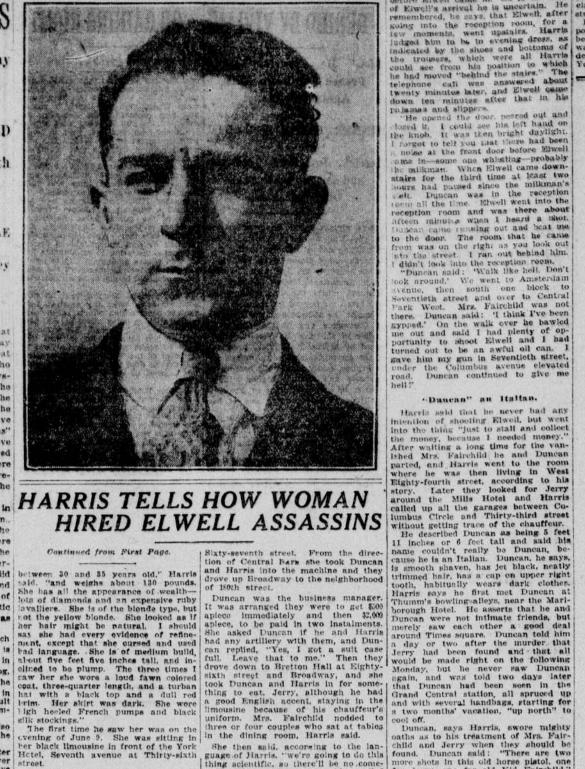
Mr. Whitman stated that all persons who might be regarded in the suspections would be kept under surveillance. Prosecutore and detectives made in

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Prosecutors and detectives made inquirts yesterday at the office building
at 386 Fifth avenue, where Harris
worked under the alias of "Benny Leonard," and at the house on West Eightyfourth street, where he boarded, and
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Young Harris is the son of the late Sem Harris, a clothler of Bridgeport, and was left an orphan when a child. He ran through the money left him by his father and was constantly gatting into regulte. Finally he was brought into court on November 18, 1912, and sent to the George Junior Rapublic in Litchfield. He was then 15 years old and was piaced on probation for a year. He was charged with forgery. Some time later he ran away to go on the stage. Most of his relatives live now in Bridgeport, but a brother and a sister, Delmer E. Harris and Mrs. Sylvia Wineman, live in New York at 100 Central Paris Soutia.

#### Roy Harris, Elwell's Confessed Slayer



erry glanced up and down the avenue and then told Duncan, whom he knew, into the knew how some easy money cruid he made.

"Jerry pointed at the woman in the limousine and said: "You can see for yourself if she looks any good," continued Harris. "She was not looking our way. Jerry took us over to the limousine and introduced her as Mrs. Fairchild and us as friends o his. She opened the door and invited us in. Then Jerry drove the three of us up to the west drive of Central Park and stopped about opposite the reservoir. Some menition was made of a party who was to be got, but nething was said then about who the party was. Jerry did all the bands around them. So we want down

soing into the reception room, for a few moments, went upstairs. Harris ludged him to be in evening dress, as indicated by the shoes and bottoms of the trousers, which were all Harris could see from his position to which he had moved "behind the staies." The telephone call was answered about twenty minutes later, and Elwell came down ten minutes after that in his possess at the front door before Elwell one in—some one whisting—probably so milkman. When Elwell came down-airs for the third time at least twenty had been moved in—some one whisting—probably so milkman. When Elwell came down-airs for the third time at least twenty had been moved in the third time at least twenty had been moved in the third time at least twenty that the probably so milkman. When Elwell came down-airs for the third time at least twenty that the probably so milkman.

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"Duncan said: Walk like hell, Don't ook around." We went to Amsterdam

scenue, then south one block to Seventieth street and over to Central Park West. Mrs. Fairchild was not there. Duncan said: 'I think I've been gypped.' On the walk over he bawled me out and said I had plenty of opportunity to shoot Elwell and I had turned out to be an awful oil can. I gave him my gun in Seventieth street, under the Columbus avenue elevated road. Duncan continued to give me helt.'

cvening of June 9. She was sitting in the dining room, Harris said.

She then said, accorsing to the language of Harris, "we're going to do this street.

Stroiling up from the Penraylvania Hotel, where he had met a friend, Harris "we're going to have him trailed block. We're going to have him trailed so we'll know he's there."

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shadow of any one passing in the street.

They whispered in the hallway for an hour.

It seemed like a week, so Harris said, lived in New York: 127th street, leaf tived to New York: 127th street, east of Eighth avenue: 68 West Sixty-eighth street; 23 West Eighty-fourth street, like the reception room, for a like says, that Elwell, after the lighty have the reception room, for a like says that he has a sister in Bridge-

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